

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-46 and 49-51 are pending in the application, with 1, 11, 23, 30, 37, 40, 43 and 46 being the independent claims. Claims 15 and 19 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 15 and 19 are sought to be cancelled thereby rendering the rejection moot. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Miscellaneous

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. With the cancellation of rejected claims 15 and 19, all of the currently pending claims in the current application have been allowed.

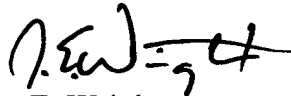
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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